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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an Amendment after Final responsive to the Final Office Action, mailed August 14, 2002, Attachment to Amendment, Marked-Up Claims, Notice of Appeal; check for \$625, representing the fees for a 3-month extension of time and fee for the Notice of Appeal. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

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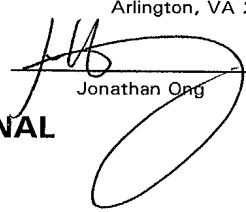
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action, mailed August 14, 2002, consideration and entry of the following Amendment and remarks are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that entry of the Amendment and consideration of the Remarks places the application into condition for allowance, or, alternatively, reduces the number of issues for appeal.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace pending claim 1 with amended claim 1 as follows:

1. A method for sequencing a target nucleic acid, comprising the steps of:
 - providing a set of nucleic acid fragments each containing a sequence that corresponds to a sequence of the target nucleic acid;
 - hybridizing the set to an array of nucleic acid probes to form a target array of nucleic acids, wherein each probe comprises a single-stranded portion